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Connecticut Eligible Professionals and Hospitals, this is an update to our September 5, 2014 letter:

The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) remains committed to helping Connecticut providers and hospitals achieve meaningful use as defined by the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act. The HITECH Act authorizes the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to make incentive payments to eligible professionals and eligible hospitals demonstrating meaningful use of Certified Electronic Health Record (CEHR) and Electronic Laboratory Reporting (ELR) technology.

The Department of Social Services (DSS), Department of Information Technology, DPH as well as other agencies are working together to develop a Health Information Technology Exchange for the State of Connecticut. The Department of Public Health recognizes the need to have this function developed as soon as possible for Public Health Reporting data.

DPH is Connecticut's designated authority to receive public health data. This letter describes our update on Meaningful Use Stage 2 readiness for Public Health reporting. Connecticut DPH currently does not have the capacity to accept electronic data for MU2 public health objectives at this time; nor did we have for all of 2014. Connecticut DPH wants to provide advanced notice to eligible hospitals (EHs), critical care access hospitals (CAHs) and eligible professionals (EPs) that wish to declare their intent to pursue public health measures. The measure affects the following reporting data categories:

- **Immunizations**
- **Electronic Lab Reporting**
- **Cancer Reporting**
- **Syndromic Surveillance**

For assistance with the Connecticut Medicaid EHR Incentive Program application process, please refer to [Stage 2 Overview Tip](#) sheet and related links from the CMS.GOV site.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jewel Mullen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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